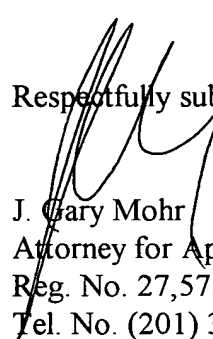


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's request. Applicant has also amended the independent claims 15, 21 and 23 to include the strengthening of the artery at and about the point of the aneurysm to accomplish the invention, namely that the aneurysm not rupture after the procedure described herein. No where in any of the reference is strengthening mentioned and the focus of Rhee, US patent 5,752,974 is not to strengthen, but to block or seal off. Therefore, Rhee would neither anticipate nor render the present invention obvious.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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